



# Encountering the Great “I Am”:

...Walking with Jesus  
to Golgotha...

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*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:  
Inwardly Strong  
and  
Outwardly Focused.*

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**APRIL 3, 2022  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

*11:00 a.m., Sanctuary*

## **The Words of Preparation**

The Tree that was planted on Calvary has shoots going out into all the world. By perfectly fulfilling the mission of Israel He [Jesus] released it from national limitations, so that from the Cross and Resurrection onwards the Chosen People is the community of those whose hearts have received the divine Word spoken in Him; from that time on the Chosen People is the One Man in Christ Jesus.

*William Temple, Readings in St. John's Gospel*

Union with Christ displaces us from the center of our own lives. It tells us we can discover who God created us to be only through living in vital union with his Son. It tells us the work of Christ for us cannot be separate from the person of Christ in us. Otherwise, we run the risk of loving his benefits more than we love the Benefactor.

*Rankin Wilbourne, Union with Christ*

## **The Prelude**

In the Garden

arr. Mark Hayes

Were You There?

*Doris Herald, pianist*

## **The Welcome**

Dr. Wes Vander Lugt

## **The Introit**

He Shall Feed His Flock

John Ness Beck

*Abrianna DeLeon, soloist*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young. He shall gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them close to His heart; and gently, so gently shall lead those with young.

*Isaiah 40:11*

# The Call to Worship

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**We come because we long to be spiritually alive and vibrant.**

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## ◆ The Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

*Acolytes: Lyle and Eden Bristow, and Mikey Shelton*

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship You to -  
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly  
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we

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day and sing the love a - ma - zing that songs can - not re -  
die, its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to You the Lord Most  
9 bring, that we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our

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pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev' - ry gift You  
High; but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is  
King and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or

16  
send, at bles - sings with - out num - ber and  
sown, though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to  
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and

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mer - cies with - out end: We lift our hearts be -  
hea - ven's gar - den grown: for Christ, your gift from  
rise to bless You still: To mar - vel at Your

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fore You and wait up - on Your word, we  
hea - ven, from death has set us free, and  
beau - ty and glor - ry in Your ways, and

hon - or and a - dore. You, our great and might - y Lord.  
we through Him are gi - ven the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## ◆ The Prayer of Adoration

Julia Metcalf

### The Old Testament Reading          Psalm 80

### The Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to abide in you, but we confess our tendency to look elsewhere for abundant life.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We confess our desire to be self-reliant rather than completely dependent on your sustaining love.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

We confess that we don't enjoy pruning, even though it's your way of making us healthy and capable of bearing more fruit.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

In your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

### The Invitation to Embrace Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness and fullness of joy for all who abide in him! **Alleluia! Amen!**

## ◆ The Response          Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

## ◆ The Affirmation of Faith    The Apostles' Creed

*God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. (1 John 4:15)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he

descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Blessing of the Young Disciples**      Fruit of the Jesus Vine

*Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)*

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Amy Scheiper, Co-Clerk

William Hayes Welch, son of Taft and Reagan Welch

**The Hymn**      Let All Things Now Living (Fruit of the Spirit)      ASH GROVE

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night. Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing, it's joy in the gospel that we have from you. It's peace that we live out with courage and daring; it's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too. It's kindness in all things and generous giving; its faithfulness seeking to follow your way. It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living; now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

**The New Testament Reading**      John 15:1-11

**The Sermon**      Entangled with Jesus

*I am the vine, you are the branches.*      John 15:5

## **The Anthem**

Thou Art the Vine

Andrew Carter

Thou art the vine, we are the branches and are thine, thou art the vine and we a part in your design, Alleluia! Thou art the root, and we the tendrils and the shoot, Thou art the root, and we the tenders of the fruit, Alleluia! God give us grace within this place to grow anew in all things true, Alleluia! Our voices raise in endless praise, Alleluia! Thou art the vine, Thou art the living bread and wine, Thou art the vine; to sing your praise our hearts combine, Alleluia! Thou art the life of every tree; come Holy Lord and spring in me, Alleluia! May nature's voice with us rejoice, Alleluia! Thou art the vine, we are the branches and are thine, thou art the vine, and we a part in your design, Alleluia!

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

### **The Prayers of the People**

- ◆ **The Lord's Prayer** (sung by congregation)
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

### **The Postlude**

Improvisation on the tune THAXTED

## **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn Miller, by Tony Miller and family.

**Services are broadcast** on the FPC Facebook page, and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

**Please notify the church** if there is a pastoral need, change of address/phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

## First Church Updates

**Welcome to First Church!** We pray that you'll sense the warmth of this congregation and the presence of Jesus, the Author of every blessing.

**Wednesday Lenten Conversations: *Testaments of Faith* - this week**  
**Dr. Wes Vander Lugt** offers his story of the Lord's interruptive presence in his life. He'll also lead us into a deeper study of today's sermon text. Optional dinner at 5:15 p.m. *Testament of Faith*, 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall.

**Young Adults of First Church** are invited to meet at Mother Road Market (11<sup>th</sup> & Lewis) at 12:30 p.m. after worship today for a community lunch!

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday!** All five worship services are gathering as per normal. Dr. Jonathan Miller is the preacher both in the Chapel and the Sanctuary. At 9:30 a.m. he leads the Pastor's class on the theme: *Walking with Jesus and Cancer*.

**Seats are still available for the Getty Music Concert**, this Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. You can purchase tickets online ([www.firstchurchtulsa.org/Getty22](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/Getty22)) or at the table in the Atrium today. Invite your friends and neighbors! The entire chancel will be filled with Irish musicians and dancers, including Keith and Kristyn Getty, both from Ireland. For more information or questions, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012.

**Spring Festival** – Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Camp Loughridge – Enjoy an Easter egg hunt (bring your own basket), a petting zoo and other fun activities.

**Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary** (see pg. 9 for a summary of this unique service.)

**Easter Lilies** - On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church building. As each flower silently trumpets the resurrection, it also serves to remind us of the life of someone who was, or is, special to a church member. If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the lily fund, click the link below or go to <https://1stchurchtulsa.wufoo.com/forms/s1vdI0hj0swl1a3/> by April 10.



**Musicians' Easter Brunch** - Help us say "Thank you!" to the singers, ringers and instrumentalists who provide music for our Easter services by participating in the Musicians' Easter Brunch. You may sign up to bring a dish at [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/choirlunch22](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/choirlunch22) no later than April 12. For details, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Prayer Vigil** - The Prayer Vigil is a continuous chain of prayer that begins on Maundy Thursday, April 14 through sunrise on Easter Sunday, April 17 to stand with Jesus through his suffering, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Please sign up for a 30 minute slot to ensure an unbroken prayer chain. You can sign up today at the table in the atrium or go to [firstchurchtulsa.org](http://firstchurchtulsa.org). We encourage every member to pray anytime during the prayer vigil. The Prayer Room on the second floor of the Church will be open during Holy Week Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Petra Kids Ministries Banquet – Save the date, Friday, April 29,** at 6:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. This annual fund-raiser for children in Uganda leads with the theme: *Pamoja Tunashinda, "Together We Win"*.

**Mark your calendar for a Kids' Fishing Tournament** on Saturday, May 14 at Camp Loughridge from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. The tournament will benefit the camp scholarship fund.

**Called to serve? First Church is seeking a part-time Ministry Assistant for Discipleship and Congregational Life.** You will serve with pastors, teachers, and guest speakers to coordinate and resource our Christian education offerings. For more information, please go to [firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment) or call Duff Points at 918-584-4701. To apply, send your resume to Tonye Briscoe, [tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Greeters needed!** We are getting back to our Greeter teams. Will you join us? Please contact Patricia Hall at 918 301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Help us keep our attendance record accurate** – There are several ways you can check-in: At the back of your bulletin you can fill in the form or use the QR code, or if you have added the Realm Connect to your smartphone you will receive a Mobile Check-In notification on Sunday mornings. Just tap the “down arrow” for the menu of worship services and then select the service that you attend. That’s all it takes – so easy! If you haven’t logged on to Realm yet, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

### **Parish Register and Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Luke Fravel, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Caroline Fravel Jones, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Claudia King, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Shannon Thomas, Terry Thomas, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, Bill Weinrich, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Barbara Thomas, a member since 2001, died on March 27; Frances “Wandie” Fitzpatrick, a member since 1979, died on March 28.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** Jessica John-Bowman on the death of her father, Tom John, on March 28.

**Maundy Thursday, Remembrance, Communion, Tenebrae  
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

A service of eight readings, each followed by an original artistic response. We will reflect upon Jesus’ last evening with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The service ends in darkness. A brief summary of the order of worship is below:

<b>The Hymn</b>	The Lord’s Supper	
<b>The Prayer</b>		Julia Metcalf
<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	John 13:1-11	Dr. Jim Miller
<b>The Poetic Response</b>		Caleb Mangesho
<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	John 13:21-30	Rev. James Estes
<b>The Musical Response</b>		Eric Baird
<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	John 13:31-38	Rev. Wally Johnson
<b>The Theatrical Response</b>		Ben Peterson
<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	Luke 22:14-16, 19	Rev. Wambugu
<b>The Danced Response</b>		Olivia Martin, Lilyanna Emerick
<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	Mark 14:23-24	
<b>The Musical Response</b>		Ron Pearson
<b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Reading</b>	Mark 14:25	Dr. Wes Vander Lugt
<b>The Homily</b>	Imagining the Kingdom	
	<i>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. (Mark 14:25)</i>	
<b>The Anthem</b>	Glory to the Lamb	
	<i>Glory to the Lamb. The world is overcome by the blood of the Lamb.</i>	

## **The Invitation to the Table**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Reading**                      Mark 14:26                                      Dr. Jim Miller

**The Hymn** 97                                      Go to Dark Gethsemane

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Reading**                      Mark 14:32-42                                      Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**The Anthem**                      Stay With Me                                      Jacques Berthier

*Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray! Watch and pray not to give way to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak. My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me; stay awake and pray. Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done.*

## **The Tolling of the Bells**

### **The Benediction**

## COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

*Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.*

### On Site:

Bible Walk	<i>Interacting with a Risen Jesus</i>	E101
Cornerstone	<i>Forensic Faith</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i>	E205
Faith and Family	Old Testament Survey	E104
Forum	<i>The Way</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>Who is This Man?</i>	E202
Pastor's Study	<i>Walking with Jesus and Cancer, Dr. Jonathan Miller</i>	
		Stephenson Hall
Reflections	<i>Life Without Lack</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer</i>	E204
UKirk Grow	F.A.I.T.H. Unfolded	KRC
The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>The great "I AM"</i>	E100
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Old Testament Survey	E104

### On Site and/or Zoom:

Shepherds	The History of the Church	E203
Westminster	<i>The great "I AM"</i>	<b>Zoom Only</b>

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### Today 4/3/22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary, and Great Hall

### Monday 4/4/22

- Monday School 12:00 p.m., E104
- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

### Tuesday 4/5/22

- Precepts 9:30 a.m., E100

### Wednesday 4/6/22

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104
- Youth Praise Band 5:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- AWANA 6:00 p.m.
- POW and Amass Exodus 6:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- Lenten Conversations 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Thursday 4/7/21

- Hearts for the Lord Zoom Only

### Friday 4/8/21

- Getty's Concert 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Saturday 4/9/21

- Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., E103
- Spring Festival 10:00 a.m., Camp Loughridge

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**April 3, 2022  
11:00 Sanctuary**

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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